

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Phillip A. Patten, *et al.*

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
AND RESPONSE TO
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please enter this Preliminary Amendment in response to the Requirement for Restriction/Election dated October 11, 2006 in the above-referenced application.

Claim amendments are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper, and

Remarks begin on page 6.